

Nicklaus, the man who has been called the greatest golfer in history. Nicklaus will be in town Tuesday to play in the Children's Mercy Hospital Golf Classic at Blue Hills Country Club.

But one sultry, unforgettable afternoon, Lewis knocked off Nicklaus in what some experts have called the greatest match-play upset of the 20th century.

It was Sept. 14, 1960. The site: St. Louis Country Club. In anticipation of large galleries, ropes kept the spectators on the outside looking in, which was a good thing because this U.S. Amateur tournament had taken on the feel of a major professional championship.

Lewis, who was born in Miami, Okla., and raised in Little Rock, Ark., was participating in his first U.S. Amateur. A 19-year-old unknown, Lewis seemed to handle his first major event as if it were a scramble with some friends back home at The Country Club of Little Rock.

Lewis won his first three match-play matches, rarely in jeopardy through any of them. Although he had no real big-time-event background, Lewis knew he was prepared for this moment.

"As a kid, I'd go play on my dad's course (his father was the head pro at the country club)," Lewis said. "Sometimes there wouldn't be anybody out there. I'd play a variety of shots. I'd go around trees. Under them. Over them. I had no fear of hitting shots."

Lewis had to face his fear, if he had any, in the fourth round at St. Louis Country Club. Lewis was about to go head to head with Nicklaus, the defending Amateur champion and runner-up to Arnold Palmer in the U.S. Open just a few months earlier. In the morning's third round, Nicklaus shot a 31 on the front side on the way to a 6 and 5 drubbing of Phil Rodgers. In his early match, Lewis beat Connecticut amateur champion Dick Sideowf 6 and 4.

Then it was time for Lewis to match his game against Nicklaus, who was receiving accolades in the same fashion that Tiger Woods would receive them more than 30 years later.

"He (Nicklaus) was the fair-haired boy," Lewis said. "People talked about how he did things different than anybody else, how he could hit it straighter and farther, like the way they talk about Tiger."

"Me? I was the country boy. But I was never really scared. I had played a lot of golf."

It was estimated that more than 5,000 spectators tailed Lewis and Nicklaus in their match, an impressive crowd for a non-title match. It turned out to be a match that Lewis dominated, due in part to Nicklaus' awful putting.

Lewis birdied the par-4 No. 1 and went 1-up. Nicklaus bogeyed the second hole, which Lewis won. When Lewis birdied the par-5 fifth, he went 3-up. Nicklaus 3-putted No. 6. And No. 7. By the time they made the turn, Lewis was a cozy 6-up. The upset was all but sealed.

"Jack and I didn't really talk during the match," Lewis recalled, "but I do remember his dad say something to me as I was walking along. He said, 'You're thumping my little boy.' I'd met Jack's dad before. He was a class act. Like Jack."

Nicklaus finally won his first hole at No. 10 but not because of anything spectacular on his part. Lewis 3-putted. Lewis, though, didn't swerve out of control. In fact, The New York Times reported that Lewis, "under the pressure of a huge gallery, and meeting his first big test, was cool and poised."

The match came to an early conclusion when Lewis hit his 4-wood approach at the par-5 15th onto the green. Nicklaus' second

shot found the rough. Lewis birdied and closed the deal. His 5 and 3 win over Nicklaus shocked golf circles. Just last year, Golf World magazine ranked Lewis' win the greatest match-play upset of the 20th century.

Nicklaus, who won the Amateur in 1961, has the fourth-best winning percentage in U.S. Amateurs of players with at least 20 wins (24-5 record). Lewis, though, prevented him from possibly winning three in a row. The only one who has done that was Woods during 1994-96.

In his book, *My Story*, Nicklaus said this about his loss to Lewis: "I 3-putted six times, once from near gimme range, and never had a hope against Charlie Lewis, a good golfer from Arkansas. I learned some more about controlling the psyche and about self-pacing from that experience."

Lewis still remembers what Nicklaus said following their match.

"He said, 'Good luck. . . I hope you win it all.' I think he meant it," Lewis said.

But Lewis couldn't win it all. He went on and won his next two matches. The sixth one was important because it earned him an invitation to the Masters. In the scheduled 36-hole semifinals, Lewis' streak was halted. He fell to Bob Gardner 2 and 1.

Lewis played in two more U.S. Amateurs. But none of them matched his achievement in 1960. After serving in Vietnam with the Marines, Lewis came back, won the 1967 Arkansas Amateur, then gave the PGA Tour a shot. He thinks his best finish was 14th place, which was worth \$2,200. After two years, Lewis relinquished the idea of trying to make it out there.

"His personality wasn't made for the tour," said Lewis' wife, Marilyn, who plays more golf than her husband. She's on the golf course five times a week.

"He could play the game," Marilyn said. "But he hated going from town to town. He wanted to be somewhere where he could put his feet up and relax."

Lewis returned to Little Rock, where a friend told him about an assistant club-pro job in Kansas City. Lewis phoned Duke Gibson, the pro at Blue Hills Country Club, and Gibson hired Lewis over the phone. Twenty-eight years ago, Lewis moved on to Mission Hills.

On Tuesday, Lewis hopes to rekindle memories with Nicklaus.

"It's been years since I talked to Jack," Lewis said. "We played a practice round together when I played in the Masters. I hope I get a chance to talk to him. As I said, he's a class act. But I'm sure he would have preferred to beat me."

"But that was a day I accomplished something. I saw more media than I had ever seen. I got telegrams from people I didn't even know. Next to my marriage, that (beating Nicklaus) is the greatest thrill of my life."

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION COMMENDING IRAQI WOMEN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today, Representative BIGGERT, Representative HOOLEY, and I introduce legislation to commend Iraqi women for their participation in Iraqi government and civil society and to advocate for the inclusion of women's rights in the Iraqi constitution.

The women of Iraq should have a stake in the future of their country. We must support

the efforts of the Iraqi women to require that the constitution of Iraq includes equal rights for women. Iraq has the opportunity to begin a new chapter by rejecting the ways of Saddam Hussein, and embracing democracy, including the right to vote for all its citizens. I believe that the United States should support these efforts in every possible way.

I look forward to working with Representative BIGGERT, Representative HOOLEY and my other colleagues to pass this resolution and to fight for the rights of women in Iraq.

TRIBUTE TO DR. NORMAN N.
BURG, MD

MAURICE HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Dr. Norman N. Burg. Through more than 40 years of medical practice in Ulster County, New York, Dr. Burg has touched the lives of countless people and has improved the delivery of regional health care services immeasurably. I am pleased to join the health care community in Ulster County in congratulating Dr. Burg on his outstanding career.

During his four decades of service in Ulster County, Dr. Burg has operated a private practice, served on staff at two local hospitals, having been president of the medical staff at both. He has also contributed his leadership skills to serving the Ulster County Infirmary, Ferncliff Nursing Home, St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie and Northern Dutchess Hospital.

Throughout his career, Dr. Burg has taken great pride in sharing his accumulated knowledge of medicine and worked diligently to educate aspiring physicians. Among his many accomplishments, he was a founder and the first program director of the residency program at Family Medicine in Kingston. This program has trained more than 100 family physicians, the majority of whom continue to practice medicine in New York. It also paved the way for the creation of the Mid Hudson Family Health Institute that currently provides health care services to under-insured and uninsured residents of the Hudson Valley. The Institute stands as a testament to Dr. Burg's deeply held belief that all citizens should be afforded access to health care regardless of their economic situation.

Dr. Burg has also been extremely involved in his community since coming to Ulster County. His list of activities include serving as the school physician and football team physician for Onteora High School, president and coach of the Woodstock Little League, EMT instructor, board member of the Woodstock Volunteer Ambulance Squad and chairman of the Woodstock Narcotics Guidance Council.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Dr. Norman Burg. His deep commitment to improving the lives of people around him has yielded a distinguished record of service and has made Ulster County and much of New York, a better, healthier place to live.